the said district has in all respects been treated as, and has in all respects acted as an organized independent school district: and,

Whereas, Doubts have arisen as to whether or not said organization, and especially as to whether or not the village of East Cleveland, is a village within the meaning of the law, and,

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the validity of the tax levy made for said district for the year 1883, owing to the fact that the directors of and for said independent district were not elected until August 11th, 1883, or thereabout; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the aforesaid organization of the inde-Organization pendent district of East Cleveland, comprising the territory de legalized. scribed in the preamble to this act be, and the same is hereby legalized and declared to be of full, binding and legal force and effect the same as if the informality heretofore described had not existed; and that the said territory above described be and is hereby declared to be an independent school district, dating as such from August 1st A. D. 1883.

That the taxes levied by the board of supervisors of Tax levylegal-Lucas county, for said above independent district in the year ized. A. D. 1883, be, and the same is hereby declared to be, legal, valid

and of full force and effect.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance Publication. shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register published at Des Moines Iowa, and the Chariton Patriot, published at Chariton Iowa, without expense to the State.

Approved, March 22, 1884.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the The Chariton Patriot April 2, 1884. J. A. T. HULL, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 52.

LEGALIZING -- AUDITOR AND DEPUTY OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

AN ACT to Legalize Certain Acts of A. M. Duus as County Auditor and Fred Becker as Deputy County Auditor of Plymouth County, Iowa, in Reference to the Acknowledgements of Deeds, Mortgages, Bills of Sale and Contracts.

Whereas, A. M. Duus, county auditor and Fred Becker dep-Preamble. uty county auditor of Plymouth county, Iowa have acknowledged since Jaunary first 1880, a number of deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, and contracts and doubts have arisen as to the le-

gality of such acts and as to such acknowledgements having been done in due and legal form; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Legalizing

SECTION No. 1. That all acts of A. M. Duus as county auditor and of Fred Becker as deputy county auditor of the county of Plymouth state of Iowa since January first A. D. 1880 in reference to the acknowledgement of certain deeds, mortgages, bills of sale and contracts heretofore acknowledged by them be and the same are legalized and declared to be as legal valid and binding as though each and all of such acts of said parties had been valid and legal in the first place when done.

Publication.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Daily Sentinel of Le Mars, Iowa and the Le Mars Despatch newspapers published in the state of Iowa without expense to the State.

Approved, March 22, 1884.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in The Le Mars Daily Sentinel April 2, and Le Mars World April 10, 1884, the Le Mars Despatch being changed to Le Mars World.

J. A. T. HULL, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 53.

LEGALIZING-TOWN COUNCIL OF EARLVILLE.

H. F. 497.

AN ACT to Legalize Certain Acts and Ordinances of the Council of the Town of Earlville in Delaware County Iowa.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen in regard to the legality of certain ordinances in the town of Earlville in Delaware county Iowa adopted in the years 1882 and 1883 because of the fact that said council elected a mayor pro tem. who signed such ordinances and also because of the fact that certain ordinances were three times read and passed without a suspension of the rules; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Legalizing

SECTION 1. That said official acts and ordinances of the town council of the said town of Earlville, be and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid in all respects, as though the informalities above recited had not occurred.

Publication.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register a newspaper published at Des